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outside, are frothing at the mouth over the
evident determination of the Harding people
to ratify an amended treaty of Versailles.

The peace issue is not the only question
upon which there are wide differences of
opinion. The Republican pledge, first given
in the Chicago platform and afterward butt-
ressed by the campaign statements of
Senator Harding, to the effect that the
Panama Canal must be made a free water-
way for American ships, has aroused fur-
ther insurgency.

Then, too, Republican leaders are in se-
rious disagreement over fiscal policies. The
President-elect stands committed to an im-
mediate readjustment of the existing taxat-
ion laws. He has promised lower taxes and
more equitable taxes. But his associates
in Congress foresee the gravest difficulties
at that connection. They quite understand,
if Mr. Harding does not, that taxation can-
not be revised downward until the Victory
bonds have been redeemed, the war savings
stamps of the first issue canceled and the
running expenses of the government enorm-
ously reduced.

There are rocks ahead for the Harding
administration, not Democratic rocks, but
boulders which Republicans themselves are
prepared to throw into the path of the
party which is about to assume the reins
of government.

If it be true that the brewers are in-
triguing to get Elihu Root into the Cab-
inet, they must at least be credited with
having picked the brainiest man in the
G. O. P.

A Billion-Dollar Tariff
According to Senator Curtis, of Kan-
sas, Republican whip in the Senate,
Republican leaders in the next Congress are
planning to revise the tariff upward to the
point where it will yield \$1,000,000,000 a
year in revenue. This would necessitate
greatly curtailing the free list as well as
advancing the existing rates upon dutiable
goods. While the public does not relish
the idea of going back to the old protective
principle to the extent that would likely
be invoked in the rearrangement of the
schedules to secure this large amount, still,
groaning as it does under the burden of
internal taxation, it has made up its mind
to welcome a shifting of a portion of the
load to a customs tax, hoping that in its
imposition the Democratic theory of a tariff
for revenue will find larger appeal with
those charged with the task of revision than
heretofore has been the practice of the Re-
publicans. A revision with this principle
kept in mind is such incidental protection
as would ensue would no doubt command
the support of many Democratic Representa-
tives.

Treasury statistics show that imports are
increasing at a much greater rate than ex-
ports, which foreshadows the wiping out
of America's balance of trade within a
few years should this condition continue.
In 1919, imports had reached the enormous
total of \$3,095,720,968, of which \$2,230-
222,898, or 72.04 per cent, came in
free. On this huge volume, the customs
collections for that year amounted to only
\$183,428,625. Under the operation of the
Underwood tariff, statistics show that the
actual collections from customs in the six
years from 1913 to 1919 aggregated only
\$1,307,442,540. These figures indicate just
how big is the undertaking ahead of the
Republican majority in its proposal to raise
\$1,000,000,000 annually. In all probability,
when the majority settles down to the
real work of revising the schedules to raise
this amount, it will discover that the propo-
sition is too heavily loaded, and will accord-
ingly reduce its estimate, lest it jeopardize
its political prospects for the future. In
fact, there is a point beyond which the
government cannot go in levying customs
duties without making the rates prohibitive
and thus defeating the object of the law.

An Inspired Idea
The chair of history in John Marshall
High School, has hit upon an idea that
seems little short of inspired. It is the
outgrowth of a discussion with his pupils
of Venice's ancient fete, and it is offered to
Richmond as a means of placing its mar-
velous history before the world in pageant
form, as a practical step toward building
up the city's population to the desired
250,000 in 1930. The plan necessarily, in
so far as it can be called a plan, is some-
what nebulous, but the basic idea is sound
and attractive, and if the various organiza-
tions in Richmond as well as throughout
the State will give it their approval and
support, The Times-Dispatch believes that
the proposed pageant can be made to Rich-
mond what the Mardi Gras is to New Or-
leans, with the exception that the former
would be on a far more dignified and im-
pressive scale.

Virginia has the most varied and glorious
background of history from which to draw
its characters and its scenes of any State
in the Union. The opportunities for stage
settings and picturesque historical sur-
roundings are rich and inexhaustible. With
what history and nature have so lavishly
provided Richmond can present a spectacle
which would make it a Mecca for America
—for who at heart is not a Virginian?

May 13, 1921, Jamestown Day, has been
suggested as the day. It is worth the best
thought Richmond affords, and Professor
James' happy idea may be developed into
an annual institution.

Dor population of Arctic Circle reported
by Census Bureau as 22 per cent greater
than human population. Trying to rival
certain Virginia districts.

Wilson has made his mistakes, but we
don't believe he said, "To whose influence
I look forward to." Let's be charitable
and blame it on the typesetter.

Notable example of municipal self-sacrifice is
seen in Chicago's determination to rid itself
of criminals, thus abandoning its ambition to
overtake New York at the next census.

It is going to be mighty difficult for office-
seekers to be thankful when they don't know
yet what they are going to have to be thankful
for.

Insurgency, Even Now
All is not peace and harmony within the
ranks of the victorious Republican
party. Senator Harding is to be denied the
privilege of going into office with the ranks
unbroken behind him and with only loyalty
in the legion which gave him the most stu-
pendous majority ever received by a candi-
date for the presidency. That there is dis-
trust, if not disloyalty, in the breasts of
many of the party chieftains, is a fact that
is now coming to light, even before the tri-
umphant shouting and tumult have died away.

Anti-league Republicans are up in arms
over the pro-league tendencies of the ad-
visers of the President-elect. They are
complaining bitterly against the action of
Chairman Hays in soliciting the counsel of
Elihu Root, now that they find Mr. Root
on the side of the league of nations. Sen-
ators Borah and Johnson, on the inside of
the party, and William H. Hearst, on the

SEEN ON THE SIDE

BY HENRY EDWARD WANNER

Nomenclature.
In the time of Father Adam,
In the day of Mother Eve,
The pride of man had fallen
To the present stage of grief,
When the Earth was in the peopling
It became apparent, then,
That they'd have to have a system
To distinguish Men from Men.

Each man had to have a handle
Just to designate him with;
Adam said: "For instance, Eva,
I'll be Mr. Adam Smith."
And the progeny resulting
Said: "And by my father's bones
If I've got to have a handle
You can call me Mister Jones."

Cain Smith went to Nod a-courting—
Thus did married woes begin;
And the progeny resulting
Stuck a hitching hyphen in
Till the Smiths and Jones and Jones-Smiths
As they happened to occur,
Were the Earth's full population—
They were all the folks there were.

Clear to Abraham and Isaac,
From Boersheba to Dan,
Smith and Jones and changes on them
Were the only names of man;
And it isn't any wonder
That there's such an awful lot
Of the Smiths and the Joneses,
With the early start they got.

Charcoal Eph's Daily Thought.
"Debt ain't such a bad thing," said Charcoal
Eph, ruminatively. "I know a man what had
smallpox once, but he say he'd rather owe ten
dollars. Eat a slab of punkin, Mistah Jack-
son."

Lagunappe.
Cupid is the only guy that can run around
dressed like he ain't and get away with it.

Revived.
From an old scrapbook:
Little dabbe of powder,
Little glob of paint
Make a perfect lady
Look like what she ain't.

Content.
A funny magazine asks: "What is a Joke?"
We enter a certain distinguished gentleman
from Nebraska and claim first prize.

2000 A. D.
The Antiquarian, lecturing to his class:
"And this, young gentlemen, is a nickel of
United States mintage, also known in the ver-
nacular as a jitney. Within the memory of
men still living, who knew this coin as chil-
dren, it at one time had the power to pur-
chase small articles. It is about the value of
one-twentieth of our present case-note,
which is the low limit of our denominational
currency. If they were of present value, ten
of these curious coins might purchase a small
box of matches."

Up With the Times
Ireland seems to have replied with unmis-
takable emphasis to Lloyd George's offer of a
partnership in the empire business.

Commissioner Kramer predicts a dry New
York. But no many of his ouija board
prophecies go wrong.

Vacation photographs of Senator Harding,
showing him wearing both belt and suspenders,
should be nationally reassuring in that they
prove him to be for safety first.

"You're full of prunes" takes on new sig-
nificance now that Sing Sing inmates have
been discovered making hooch from the well-
known boarding-house delicacy.

Recognition of Mexico would better wait un-
til it is seen if Oregon reverts to the proper
spelling of his name, which is O'Brien.

"Robbers work at will beneath Capitol
dome," says a Washington dispatch. No rea-
son to doubt it, but now that the election is
over the correspondents might lay off politics
for a while.

California woman has had her teeth studded
with white diamonds. It sounds ex-
travagant, but its cheaper than portierhouse
dining at that.

Final election figures from Ohio give Harding
60.94 per cent plurality and a total vote of 294
for prohibitionist Watkins. That should prove
something, probably the state of the Ohio
third.

Chicago women refuse to remove hats in
court and are fined. Thus, as their rights are
enlarged, their privileges decrease.

Santa Claus is the one and only chap we
know of who can put an end to the strike of
the buying public.

New Orleans beach censors rule that wom-
en's bathing suits must allow for shrinkage.
But whoever heard of a bathing beauty shrink-
ing?

Names is names. Woman who took her sewing
into jury box was Mrs. Patterson.

This year's Thanksgiving mince pie promises
to be an ultra-dry affair.

The Boston Police Union has disbanded after
having given a Vice-President to the United
States.

League of nations sends an army to see that
the plebiscite is decided in favor of Poland.
Why, then, a plebiscite at all?

Problem in higher mathematics: How to
save enough out of the turkey wreckage to
justify the "Merry Christmas" salutation.

Spirit of Virginia Press
The Petersburg Index-Appeal is not in fa-
vor of increasing the roll of the lower house
of Congress. Far from it, for it says: "If Con-
gress, during the last thirty years, has de-
creased the House membership at the rate at
which it has enlarged it, we would have had
by this time a far more efficient body of legi-
slators than we possess, following steady en-
largement of the number."

The Bristol Herald-Courier is taking it easy
enough. It says: "What the United States
Supreme Court has decided is that those who
purchased whisky before the passage of the
Volstead act may have it removed to their
premises. Nothing in that to get excited
over."

The complacent Newport News Press says:
"Senator Harding's decision to make Hampton
Roads a port of call before starting to work
on his Cabinet is the most practical step he
could have taken to gain an understanding of
the most important domestic concerns."

Altavista does not want him. Decent law-
abiding people everywhere do not want him.
We are for the Constitution and against
every enemy of the Constitution, bootlegging
in these parts must go."

The Tidewater Democrat, after bragging
about an Essex County man who it claims
grew 120 bushels of corn to the acre this
year, says: "One does not have to go to the
corn belt of the West to find fertile lands.
Right here in Tidewater Virginia the pos-
sibilities in farming cannot be estimated. Much
of the land is unimproved, it is true, but is
susceptible to wonderful productiveness when
given a fair show."

It is probable that a goodly number of
Democrats in these parts will say "amen" to
the following from the Farmville Herald:
"Way better than the most important news-
paper is the Hotel Biltmore, New York.
Alfred, the Excelsior moving-picture
studio, the courtyard of the hotel, the
American; the home of Salome;
the shore of England; the home of the
New York and Italian garden, a tel-
egraph office, and the gold room.
There are twenty-five million names
and travels on all the important
and dramatic successes of the day."

"It's a dull day, indeed," says the Danville
Register, "when Mingo County, Va., cannot
pull off a murder. After all, the partition of
old Virginia was not such a great blunder."

Health Talks by Dr. Brady

Fish Versus Meat.
For all practical purposes fish is meat.
Salmon is as nourishing as beef. Haddock
is as nourishing as chicken, mackerel is as
nourishing as veal, and only cod is somewhat
less nourishing, pound for pound than round
steak.

The late George W. Perkins carried on, in
a quiet way, many practical philanthropies.
Among other things he launched an effort to
increase the supply of fish in the markets of
the country, hoping thereby to encourage the
more general use of fish and incidentally to
lower the demand for salmon in zoos. He
to this end he had made considerable head-
way in acquiring a controlling interest in
fisheries, cold storage plants and the other
impediments of the trade both about the sea-
coast and about the Great Lakes. How much
influenced Mr. Perkins' initial impetus may yet
be seen in the public consumption of fish, but
mainly to be seen. The work is to be carried on.

It would be a wholesome custom to have
three Fridays or fish days every week instead
of one. Many families do not know the good-
ness of fish in the bill of fare simply because
the housewife does not study this market or
strive to enlarge her knowledge of the re-
sources available in the fish market.

The inland sections of the country, all around
the extensive Great Lakes basin, should be
amply supplied with sea fish particularly, and
will be if the people will learn to use this
valuable and completely cheap food. I
say sea food should be more freely used here
because of the great prevalence of simple
goitre among children in this area. It is all
but proved that the reason why so many
girls from ten to eighteen years of age develop
goitre through the Middle West is because
of the lack of iodine in the food. Sea food
supplies this essential substance.

Prejudice against fish as a substitute for
animal flesh in the dietary rests upon three
frail fancies: (1) It is wrongly imagined that
animal flesh is more "strengthening" than fish,
(2) fish was not an attractive item as meat,
killed far from the source in zoos, but
rapid transit and cold storage now correct
this drawback; (3) the average housewife has
no knowledge of the value of the many var-
ieties of fish available in different seasons of
the year, because she just ignores this im-
portant source of cheap food.

Limiting fish day to Friday means this im-
portant source of cheap food is ignored di-
rectly by the class president, have given a
promise to Superintendent Seales that the
members of the club will be expected to be
present at the best of their ability.
It was announced today.

In a district school steps
to lift the order segregating the mem-
bers of the "plebe" or fourth class,
as a precaution against any further
cases of hazing.

A fourth objection sometimes offered against
fish is unappetizing cooking. That is the
fault of the cook, not of the fish. In good
cooking there is no such word as "fishy."

Bituminous Outlook Bright.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Production of bitu-
minous coal is now 50,000,000 tons ahead
of 1919, according to figures just compiled by
the U. S. Geological Survey. The comparison
dates from the beginning of the "boom year,"
April 1.

Deficits in production resulting from the
strike of a year ago and from heavy demands
on reserves during 1919 have been made up,
the figures show, production being main-
tained at more than 12,000,000 tons weekly
and has been for two and a half months.

While reports of famines in certain areas
continue to reach the government agencies,
the impression prevails that the situation has
greatly eased. Drained reserves, the neces-
sity of storing for winter and malnutrition
are blamed for scarcities in some localities.
Food deficiency is being corrected
through a better supply of cars, it is claimed,
and this, with high production, is bettering
conditions.

The National Coal Association flatly asserts
that no immediate shortages are reported from
any part of the country, although it is ad-
mitted the supply in all instances does not
equal demand. Mr. McCarty, president of the
association, said that the industry has had
ample supplies, public utilities have had their
demands filled, and the domestic users
nowhere are in actual need, it is claimed.
The household situation, particularly, was
neute in the early fall.

Coupled with improved production, it is
said the price of coal is ranging from 25
to 50 per cent at the mines.

News of Fifty Years Ago

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